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In a quiet week which confirmed old trends, Dr. Raúl OSEGUEDA, Guatemalan Foreign Minister, announced that Guatemala would not accept the invitation conveyed to him by Nicaraguan Ambassador Aurelio MONTENEGRO to send an observer to the July 10 meeting of the Organization of Central American States (ODECA) in Managua, thus reaffirming the Arbenz Administration's policy of insulating itself from the more conservative governments of this area. During the week Dr. Osegueda publicly took note of Costa Rica's action in declaring Ambassador Rafael O'MEANY persona non grata for his part in the mix-up over the invitation to President Ulate to visit Guatemala and said that Guatemala would not take "reprisals" against Costa Rica. The Foreign Minister was severely criticized by segments of the independent press for making inept public statements that needlessly embarrassed President Ulate and, on June 29, claiming that a reporter had violated his confidence, he announced that the Foreign Office would stop oral interviews and confine itself to daily written press bulletins.

The domestic political and labor scenes remained quiet as Congress recessed for a few days after passing the 1953-54 budget (see Section II) and as the labor disputes between the IRCA railroad and the SAMF railway workers' union and the Empresa Eléctrica and its union proceeded through the routine labor court procedures.

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